

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A cross shaft joint tiltably coupling two shaft members to each other, the cross shaft joint comprising:

a cross shaft which includes four shaft portions and is arranged between the two shaft members; and

outer ring cups rotatably provided to the four shaft portions, respectively, at least one of the outer ring cups comprising a key portion extending in a radial direction corresponding to a key groove in one of the two shaft members and defining an attachment hole extending from an inner end of the key portion in a radial direction.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint according to claim 1, wherein the attachment hole has a substantially constant inside diameter, into which a bar-shaped balance weight can be inserted.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint according to claim 1, wherein said key groove is formed on an end of one of the two shaft members, and further comprising a balance weight having a bar shape that is adapted to be inserted into the attachment hole and fixed with a plug screwed into the attachment hole.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, further comprising a balance weight attached to the key portion.

Claims 5-6. (Canceled).

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint of claim 1 ~~5~~, wherein the attachment hole comprises internal threads.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint of claim 7, wherein the balance weight is positioned inside the attachment hole and the balance weight is fixed by a plug screwed into the internal thread.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint of claim 1 ~~5~~, further comprising the

balance weight positioned within the attachment hole.

Claim 10. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein said balance weight is plate-shaped.

Claim 11. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein an outer surface of said balance weight is threaded.

Claim 12. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, wherein said attachment hole comprises a square hole.

Claim 13. (Canceled).

Claim 14. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, wherein the attachment hole is adapted to receive the balance weight pressed into the attachment hole.

Claims 15-17. (Canceled).

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, further comprising a balance weight received by the attachment hole of said at least one of the outer ring cups.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The cross shaft joint of claim 18, wherein the balance bar comprises a bar shape.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) A cross shaft joint comprising:
a cross shaft including four shafts;
an outer ring cup rotatable on each of the four shafts, at least one of the outer ring cups comprising a key portion extending in a radial direction and defining a hole extending from an inner end of the key portion in a radial direction; and
a balance weight received by the hole of said at least one of the outer ring cups.

Claim 21. (New) The joint of claim 1, wherein said at least one outer ring cup further

comprises an axially-extending insertion hole adapted to receive a bolt for attaching said at least one outer ring cup to a screw hole in an end face of one of said two shaft members.

Claim 22. (New) The joint of claim 3, wherein said key groove is formed on an axially-facing end face of said one of the two shaft members and wherein said key groove extends in a radial direction.

Claim 23. (New) The joint of claim 1, wherein a bottom of the attachment hole is narrower than an intermediate portion of the attachment hole.

Claim 24. (New) The joint of claim 1, wherein a bottom of the attachment hole is closed.

Claim 25. (New) The joint of claim 20, wherein a bottom of the attachment hole is narrower than an intermediate portion of the attachment hole.

Claim 26. (New) The joint of claim 20, wherein a bottom of the attachment hole is closed.